

The Land Section, under the leadership of this division, is responsible for the management of institutional farm lands to ensure the most efficient and cost effective land use for the State of West Virginia.

These institutional farmlands are comprised of approximately 9,000 acres located throughout the state. More specifically, properties are located at: Huttonsville, Randolph County; Pruntytown, Taylor County; Lakin, Mason County; Terra Alta, Preston County; Sweet Springs, Monroe County; Moundsville, Marshall County; Saint Marys, Pleasant County; Barboursville, Cabell County; Pinecrest, Raleigh County; Elkins, Randolph County, Becky's Creek, Randolph County; and Salem, Doddridge County. Our largest properties are located at Huttonsville and Pruntytown.

Throughout fiscal year 2001, 18 institutions were supplied with fresh commodities. Those were Anthony Center, Beckley Work Release Center, Charleston Work Release Center, Davis Center, Denmar Correctional Facility, Hopemont Hospital, Martha Mitchell Bateman State Hospital, Huntington Work Release Center, Huttonsville Correctional Center, Lakin Hospital, Marion Health Care, Mount Olive Correctional Center, Pinecrest Hospital, Pruntytown Correctional Complex, St. Marys Correctional Facility, Sharps Hospital, Welch Emergency Hospital and the WV Industrial Home for Youth. The St. Marys Correctional Facility occupies the former Colin Anderson Center near St. Marys. Some surplus commodities were donated to the West Virginia Children's Home at Elkins.

A total of 605 beef cattle, (670,309 liveweight pounds); 459 swine, (113,322 liveweight pounds); and 155,250 pounds of potatoes were supplied to the various institutions. This was an increase of 98 beef cattle, 97 swine and 87,550 pounds of potatoes from FY 2000. The total wholesale value of these commodities equaled \$506,377.88, up \$92,028.98 from the previous year. By pricing wholesale, it is more economical for them to purchase from us, rather than to purchase on the open market. A schedule is attached which shows

the breakdown by institution of the quantity received and the wholesale dollar amounts charged. In addition, 302,100 pounds of surplus potatoes was sold to the public; with 103,100 pounds of potatoes being donated to the Mountaineer Food Bank at Gassaway, Donated Foods of Charleston, and the Children's Home at Elkins.

During FY 2001, the Land Section reimbursed to the Division of Corrections a total of \$53,271.90 for inmate labor at the Huttonsville and Pruntytown Farms. At Huttonsville, a total of 34,445.5 man hours were worked. On the average, 15-20 inmates supplied labor on a daily basis each month, except during potato harvest it would increase to an extra 100-125 per day. At Pruntytown, a total of 13,898 man hours were worked. On the average, 10-12 inmates were worked on a daily basis each month.

During FY 2001, High Appalachian produced approximately 275,000 pounds of fish, for a gross farm value of \$344,000. Additionally, 84,000 pounds of fish was purchased from outside sources to supplement production.

Increased promotions of both fresh and further processed fish were held during the year. These included several samplings at Kroger stores throughout the region, food shows in Chicago and Bluefield, and several out-of-state trips to various fish and seafood buyers.

High Appalachian has certainly made vast improvements in the last 12 months, not only in gross sales, but also by making capitol improvements that make processing much more efficient.